



# Privileged to Serve

Moving Milwaukee County *FORWARD* Together



THE OFFICIAL E-NEWSLETTER FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR

January 2013



Dear Friends,

I hope you had an enjoyable holiday season and are well on your way to fulfilling New Year's Resolutions. I am grateful to have been able to spend my time with friends and family, including my brother who lives in Ohio.

I am looking forward to 2013 for a number of reasons. Hopefully, a number of developments will come to fruition, which will increase our tax base along with creating additional much-needed jobs. Having served almost a calendar year, I am more comfortable with the inner workings of Milwaukee County and, therefore, prepared to bring forward reforms that will allow us to govern more efficiently and effectively.

I encourage you to contact me with any ideas or concerns you have regarding Milwaukee County. It is very important for me to get your input and advice.

As I have said in the past and I will say it again, it is an honor to serve you, and, together with your help, I am certain we can *Move Milwaukee County Forward*.

All My Best,

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## FRANKLIN FIRE CHIEF MARTINS RETIRES

City of Franklin Fire Chief Jim Martins retired after a decade of service with the City of Franklin Fire Department. Supervisor Taylor attended event held to honor Chief Martins and presented him with a Citation from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for his selfless contributions to the well-being of Franklin residents.

Chief Martins was a veteran City of Milwaukee firefighter and Deputy Chief before he became the Fire Chief for the City of Franklin in 2002. During his tenure, he overcame many challenges – fiscal and otherwise – to bring the highest quality of service to Franklin residents. His resourcefulness and focus on prevention proved to be the key in keeping the Fire Department efficient while ensuring adequate safety of the community.

In addition to being an exceptional public servant to his community, Chief Martins played an important role in preserving and advancing the Milwaukee County Emergency Medical Services Program – a county-wide emergency response system serving 19 Milwaukee County municipalities that aims to improve the quality of emergency response through uniformity and cooperation.



Supervisor Taylor with Chief Jim Martins at the event honoring his career.

## LEGISLATIVE ROUND-UP

Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors last met on December 20, 2012. It was a particularly extensive meeting as the Board approved annual contracts for Health and Human Service programs that Milwaukee County provides. Some of the more notable legislative action includes:

- A 12-6 vote to enact a Memorandum of Understanding whereby Milwaukee County would issue payments to the City of Milwaukee Police Department for servicing of cellular 9-1-1 calls placed within or near City of Milwaukee limits. Supervisor Taylor joined six other Supervisors who represent suburban districts in voting against this resolution as it treats the suburban municipalities unequally. Local municipalities deserve and expect fair and equitable treatment with respect to this matter and should also be compensated in the same way the City of Milwaukee is, per the above-mentioned Memorandum of Understanding. This is yet another unfair and inappropriate re-distribution of County property tax dollars to the City of Milwaukee.
- A 15-3 vote in favor of amending Section 201.24(5.16) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances as it pertains to the pension “backdrop benefit.” Supervisor Taylor favored this measure as it is a good step in curtailing the outlandish pension backdrop payments (infamously enacted by the Board in the year 2000) that have a devastating impact on Milwaukee County’s fiscal outlook.
- A 15-3 vote to approve a payment of 2011 furlough hours in the matter of Milwaukee County v. Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. Supervisor Taylor sided with two of his colleagues who were not convinced that the case should be settled and voted against this measure.

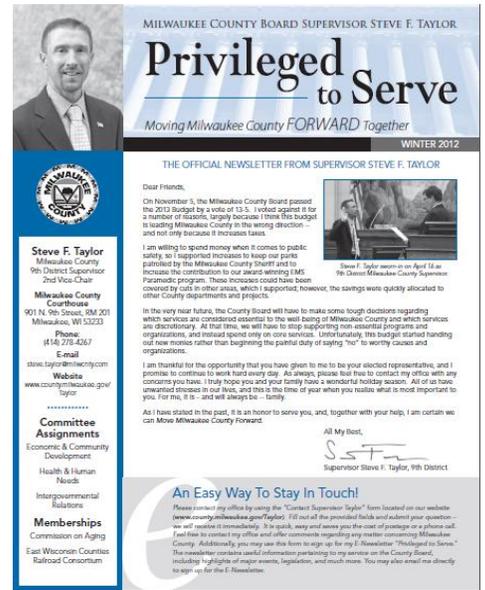
To view the votes on all actions taken by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, please visit the [Milwaukee County Legislative Information Center](#).

## SUPERVISOR TAYLOR'S PRINT NEWSLETTER

You may have already received Supervisor Taylor's hard copy newsletter "Privileged to Serve" that was distributed throughout the 9<sup>th</sup> District during the last week of December. If you haven't, please contact our office to receive a copy.

It includes the analysis of the Milwaukee County 2013 Adopted Budget, overview of major events in the 9<sup>th</sup> District, as well as an update on Supervisor Taylor's activities and his voting record on notable legislation considered by the County Board in 2012.

The newsletter also includes a survey, asking recipients for responses to questions and direct written input regarding matters concerning Milwaukee County government and the community at large. A good number of responses have already been received by Supervisor Taylor's office and if you haven't provided your input, you are encouraged to do so via his [website](http://www.milwaukee.gov). It is a very effective way to directly share your opinions with Supervisor Taylor.



## HUNTING AT BENDER PARK

Several 9<sup>th</sup> District residents called Supervisor Taylor's Office concerning the prospect of having the addition to Bender Park in Oak Creek open for deer bow hunting and coyote trapping. The land in question is located to the west of Bender Park, borders East Fitzsimmons Road to the North, East Oakwood Road to the South and extends as far West as the railroad corridor parallel with South Chicago Road.

Milwaukee County intends to purchase the 95-acre property with money through the State of Wisconsin Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program Grant. Under provisions of the Sports Heritage Act approved by the Legislature last year, all land purchased through this grant must be open to hunting and trapping, as well as other recreational uses. The Sports Heritage Act also opened all state parks and trails to hunting.



\* Graphic by Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Currently, the City of Oak Creek ordinance prohibits hunting within the city limits, therefore, in order for the acquisition to take place, the Oak Creek Common Council has to amend the ordinance.

Should the ordinance change take place, Milwaukee County Parks Department staff intends to introduce a strict set of guidelines for the hunters and trappers who intend to use the property. Only bow hunting is allowed and any traps set will have to be pet-friendly. Additionally, per State guideline of no more than two hunters per 40 acres, only four hunters at any given time would be allowed on the addition. A county permit – likely issued through a lottery system – would be required in addition to the State hunting license.

Additional benefit of this development is that hunting would help the county with resource management and address some of the problems that occur with the deer and coyote population in the area.



Ahoy, Mateys! The Jolly Roger is flying over MPM through May 27, 2013, as the Museum's special exhibit halls have been taken over by Real Pirates! Experience the Golden Age of Piracy aboard the Whydah, one of the most successful pirate ships of her day, and learn about her roots as a slave ship and subsequent takeover and conversion into a pirate ship in the early 1700s. For more information, please visit the Milwaukee Public Museum's [website](#).

**Enjoy Winter Sports at Your Milwaukee County Parks**

(Weather Permitting)

- [Cross-Country Skiing](#)
- [Dog-Sled Rides in Whitnall Park](#)
- [Downhill Skiing & Snowboarding](#)
- [Ice Fishing](#)
- [Ice Hockey](#)
- [Ice Skating](#)
- [Sledding & Tobogganing](#)



**Milwaukee County Free Days!**

Complimentary admission to Milwaukee County residents **ONLY** with valid photo ID on the following days:



MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM

**FREE the first Thursday of every month**

Free for all visitors. Visit [www.mam.org](http://www.mam.org) for additional information.



MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM

**FREE on Mondays**

Visit [www.mpm.edu/visit/free-days/](http://www.mpm.edu/visit/free-days/) for additional information.



**FREE Days for 2013:**

1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 11/2 & 12/7

**Special Holidays:**

Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day & New Year's Day

Visit [www.milwaukeezoo.org](http://www.milwaukeezoo.org)



MITCHELL PARK DOMES

**FREE on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. - Noon**

Excludes major holidays. Visit [www.milwaukeedomes.org](http://www.milwaukeedomes.org) for additional information.



January Schedule

**January 17<sup>th</sup> - Stone-Cohen Blues Band,** Vintage Blues and Jazz from the 1970s. Over 40 years of strong blues and jazz experience.

**January 24<sup>th</sup> - Health Fair Night**  
The Jerry Grillo Orchestra, Big Band, tributes to Frank Sinatra, Nat King Cole, Duke Ellington and more. (FREE SCREENING FOR HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE)

**January 31<sup>st</sup> - Roller Derby Night**  
The Barrettes, Mix if Indie, Pop Punk, Rock  
*PARTY WITH THE BREW CITY BRUISERS*  
*FREE Photo Booth Pictures*